

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress designated the third week of March as National Poison Prevention Week in 1961 to raise awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines and household chemicals; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 2 million potential poisonings are reported to poison control centers across our nation; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 percent of poisonings occur in the home; and

WHEREAS, over 50 percent of poisoning exposures involve children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids North Carolina has created Operation Medicine Drop to highlight North Carolina's commitment to protecting its residents from potentially harmful poisonings; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration, State Bureau of Investigation, Safe Kids North Carolina, Carolina Poison Center and law enforcement agencies across our State will conduct take-back events throughout the week to educate the public on how to safely dispose of expired and unused medications; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina recognize the importance of coming together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of ourselves, our families and our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 20-26, 2011, as "**POISON PREVENTION WEEK**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.